

## Questions and Answers

### RFP: 3<sup>rd</sup> Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction Grant

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- 1) **Question:** For personnel services, does grant funding support affiliated overhead costs, or only salary and fringe?

**Answer:** As set forth in Section II, C of the RFP and the associated attachment (Attachment A), applications should include budget plans that are consistent with the proposed action plan. These budget plans should include all reasonable and necessary costs, including reasonable and necessary costs other than salary and fringe. Attachment A indicates that the proposed budget should be organized by Personnel Services (salary and fringe), Contractual/Consultant Services, and Other Non-Personnel Services.

- 2) **Question:** Does ILS consider New York City (NYC) one county for application purposes?

**Answer:** Yes. ILS considers New York City as one county for application purposes, as set forth in Footnote 1 of the RFP.

- 3) **Question:** Are there limitations on grant use?

**Answer:** The RFP itself outlines acceptable contours of the grant use. As set forth in the RFP, ILS funding is to be used to supplement and not supplant local funding. Additionally, as is the case with other state agencies, ILS funding is subject to state and federal guidelines and rules, including those set forth by the New York State Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) and the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

- 4) **Question:** Can the grant be used for the following?

- a. Telephonic interpreter services?
- b. Payment for service providers such as parent advocates?
- c. Online legal research access?
- d. Metro cards for clients to access public transportation to and from court, visits and/or mandated services?

**Answer:** All the above may be acceptable uses of grant funding as long as consistent with and directly related to the legal representation goals stated in the RFP and the applicant's proposed plan of action.

- 5) **Question:** Are law school-based clinical educational programs that represent parents and are part of a non-profit legal services organization eligible to apply?

**Answer:** No. As set forth in Section IV of the RFP, only New York State counties and New York City are eligible to apply.